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INTRODUCTION

1. By paragraph 3 of its resolution 45/176 E of 19 December 1990, the General Assembly endorsed recommendations contained in paragraph 372 of the report of the Special Committee against Apartheid (A/45/22-S/21953 and Add.1), thereby authorizing it further to continue mobilizing international action against apartheid, inter alia, through ... hearings, conferences, missions, publicity and other relevant activities.

2. In accordance with those provisions, the Special Committee decided to include in its programme of work for 1991 the organization of the International Conference on Educational Needs of the Victims of Apartheid in South Africa, to be co-sponsored with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and in cooperation with the Advisory Committee of the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (UNETPSA).

I. PLACE AND DATES OF THE CONFERENCE

3. The International Conference on Educational Needs of the Victims of Apartheid in South Africa shall be held at UNESCO headquarters in Paris for three days, from 25 to 27 June 1991.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

4. The objectives of the Conference are:

(a) To review the educational system in South Africa with special reference to the impact of apartheid on the education of blacks in South Africa;

(b) To identify the educational needs in post-apartheid South Africa;

(c) To make recommendations on how the international community can assist in meeting the educational needs of the victims of apartheid.

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE

5. The following provisions shall govern the organization of the Conference:

(a) The Conference shall be organized by the United Nations Centre against Apartheid (on behalf of the Special Committee against Apartheid) and UNESCO in cooperation with the Advisory Committee on UNETPSA and in accordance with the rules of procedure contained in annex I to the present document;

(b) The work of the Conference shall be conducted in plenary meetings, and in three panels. The first panel, entitled "Review of the educational system in South Africa with special reference to the impact of apartheid", shall deal with items (a) and (b) of the provisional agenda; the second panel, entitled "Identification of educational needs in post-apartheid South Africa", shall discuss item (c), and the last panel, entitled "International assistance for the educational needs of black South Africans", shall examine items (d) and (e) of the provisional agenda. All invited participants shall take part in the plenary meetings and in the panels;

(c) The participants shall elect a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur;

(d) Each Vice-President, assisted by a secretary, shall conduct one panel;

(e) A Steering Committee and a Drafting Group will be established as provided for under the rules of procedure;

(f) The Assistant Secretary-General for the Centre against Apartheid and a representative of the Director-General of UNESCO shall share the responsibility for servicing and making all necessary arrangements for the Conference;

(g) The Rapporteur of the Conference shall prepare a report on the Conference and submit it to the Special Committee and to UNESCO;

(h) The opening and the closing sessions of the Conference will be public. States members of UNESCO, representatives of the French authorities, special guests, anti-apartheid non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the press will be invited to attend these sessions. The three panels will meet in closed sessions attended by the participants in the Conference.

(i) The proposed programme of meetings for the Conference is contained in annex II to the present document.

IV. AGENDA

6. The agenda of the Conference shall be as follows:

(a) Review of the educational situation in South Africa today;

(b) Evaluation of the impact of apartheid on education in South Africa;

(c) Identification of the educational needs of post-apartheid South Africa, with particular reference to current and prospective socio-economic and political developments in the country;

(d) Review of bilateral and multilateral programmes of educational assistance for South Africans;

(e) Measures to be implemented by the international community and the United Nations, in particular, in order to meet the educational needs of black South Africans during the transition to a non-racial and democratic society.

V. PARTICIPANTS

7. Invitations shall be sent to the following participants, as specified in rule 6:

(a) South African experts on education and human resources development and representatives of non-racial educational organizations of South Africa;

(b) Specialized agencies of the United Nations and other United Nations bodies concerned with the issue of education for South Africans;

(c) Representatives of major intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations engaged in educational assistance to South Africans;

(d) Representatives of major donor countries to bilateral and multilateral programmes for scholarship assistance to South Africans;

(e) International experts on education, particularly from the southern African region;

(f) Representatives of the national liberation movements of South Africa recognized by the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

VI. OBSERVERS

8. Permanent delegations of UNESCO, Member States of the United Nations, as well as the representatives of concerned non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations may attend the Conference as observers.

VII. DOCUMENTATION

9. Documents for the Conference shall be prepared in English and French by the Centre against Apartheid and UNESCO and made available for distribution to participants.

Annex I

PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

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Rule 1

Conduct of work of the Conference

1. The work of the International Conference on Educational Needs of the Victims of Apartheid in South Africa shall be conducted in plenary meetings and meetings of three panels.

2. Statements at the opening session shall be made by the Secretary-General or his representative, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (UNETPSA) and special guests. The Conference shall proceed to elect its officers. The representative of one national liberation movement of South Africa will speak at the opening and the representative of the other national liberation movement at the closing meetings of the Conference.

3. A Steering Committee, composed of the officers of the Conference, a representative of the Special Committee (ex officio), a representative of the Advisory Committee on UNETPSA (ex officio), a representative of UNESCO (ex officio) and a representative of the Assistant Secretary-General for the Centre against Apartheid (ex officio) shall be responsible for the conduct of the Conference.

4. The Drafting Group will be set up by the Steering Committee to prepare the final document of the Conference.

5. After the opening session, meetings of the Drafting Group and the panels may be held simultaneously.

6. The plenary meeting may consider all items of the agenda.

7. The plenary meeting shall adopt a final document of the Conference.

Rule 2

Officers of the Conference

1. The Conference shall elect a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur of the Conference.

2. Each Vice-President, assisted by a secretary, shall moderate one panel.

Rule 3

Access to, and publicity for, the Conference

1. All meetings of the plenary shall be open to the public and to the press, unless otherwise decided. The meetings of the panels will be closed to the public and the press.

2. Statements and briefings on behalf of the Conference to the mass media shall be made by the President of the Conference or by a person designated by the President.

Rule 4

Secretariat

1. The Director-General of UNESCO or his authorized representative and the Assistant Secretary-General for the Centre against Apartheid shall share responsibility for servicing the Conference and making all necessary arrangements.

2. The Secretary of the Conference shall be the Assistant Director of the Centre against Apartheid in charge of UNETPSA.

Rule 5

Languages

The working languages of the Conference shall be English and French. Interpretation shall be provided.

Rule 6

Participation in the Conference

Participation in the Conference shall be restricted to individuals and organizations who have received a formal invitation by the co-sponsoring organizations, as specified in chapter V.

Rule 7

Report

The Rapporteur of the Conference shall prepare a report on the Conference and submit it to the Special Committee and UNESCO.

Rule 8

Applicable rules

All questions of procedure not governed by the present rules of procedure shall be decided upon by the Steering Committee.

Annex II

PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 25 June 1991

10 a.m.-noon	Opening plenary session and election of the officers of the Conference
2 p.m.-5 p.m.	Panel I: "Review of the educational system in South Africa with special reference to the impact of apartheid"
5.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.	First meetings of the Steering Committee and the Drafting Group

Wednesday, 26 June 1991

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Panel II: "Identification of educational needs in post-apartheid South Africa"
2 p.m.-3 p.m.	Meeting of the Drafting Group, Panel II
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Panel III: discussion on "International assistance for the educational needs of black South Africans"
6 p.m.-7.30 p.m.	Meeting of the Drafting Group, Panel III

Thursday, 27 June 1991

9 a.m.-noon	Drafting Group meeting: preparation of the conclusions and the final document of the Conference
3.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	Press conference
4.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	Closing session: to consider and adopt the conclusions and the final document of the Conference

Friday, 28 June 1991

9.30 a.m.-noon	Consultations between the donor countries and major scholarship agencies on "Human resources strategy for South Africa and other policy matters"